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Editorial Notes

KENNETH L. BLANCHARD

THE article on "The Relation Existing between Irrigation Water Users and Distributing Companies with Special Reference to Rights Arising out of Contract" is the work of Kenneth L. Blanchard, First Lieutenant, U. S. A., Ambulance Service, American Expeditionary Forces, and was submitted as a thesis in partial satisfaction of the requirements for the degree of Juris Doctor at the University of California in 1916.

Mr. Blanchard went to France with one of the first ambulance units from California and saw military duty in the ambulance service of the French Army. In July, 1918, he was awarded the Croix de Guerre for courageous action under heavy

fire in removing wounded from the front line trenches. He died in France, December 15, 1918.

THE RETIREMENT OF DEAN TAYLOR

The retirement of Dr. Edward Robeson Taylor from the Deanship of Hastings College of the Law and his designation as Emeritus Professor of Law terminate a twenty-year period of distinguished service in that institution. In the letter tendering his resignation, Dr. Taylor says, referring to the portion of his life devoted to the work of legal education, "These years I estimate as the best and the most interesting of my life, and nothing but increasing age tempts me to my present course." Rarely does it fall to the lot of one man to excel in so many and so various pursuits as Dr. Taylor has done—law, literature, politics, education. His testimony therefore as to the satisfaction derived from his work as educator is of peculiar interest. The richness of Dr. Taylor's personality, his generous passion for justice and right, found expression in the teacher, and not only have endeared him to hundreds of pupils but have imparted to them something of the influence of his own character.

The Board of Trustees of Hastings College of the Law has named as the new Dean, Dr. Maurice E. Harrison, lecturer in law at the School of Jurisprudence in this University, a graduate of this school with the degree of Juris Doctor in 1910.

Comment on Recent Cases

BANKER'S LIEN.—By statute in California, "a banker has a general lien dependent on possession, upon all property in his hands belonging to a customer, for the balance due to him from such customer in the course of the business".¹ A similar remedy is given to banks almost everywhere. The theory upon which the right is allowed is that a credit has been extended by the bank upon the securities of the customer which the bank holds or expects to hold in the ordinary course of business.² It does not exist until the debt to the bank has matured,³ unless the customer has consented that it shall,⁴ or there has been fraud

¹ Civ. Code § 3054.

² *The Bank of the Metropolis v. The Bank of New England* (1843) 1 How. 234, 11 L. Ed. 115; *Russell v. Haddock* (1846) 3 Gilman (Ill.) 233; *Furber v. Dane* (1909) 203 Mass. 108, 89 N. E. 227.

³ *Jordan v. National Shoe etc. Bank* (1878) 74 N. Y. 467, 30 Am. Rep. 319; *Elzy v. Morrison* (1913) 180 Ill. App. 711.

⁴ *Roe v. Bank of Versailles* (1902) 167 Mo. 406, 67 S. W. 303; *Commercial National Bank v. Brinton* (1914) 45 Utah 265, 145 Pac. 42.